

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



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Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### **Celebrating Car Free Day – September 22**

*Harford Community College students ride free on Harford Transit Link*

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Community Services, Commuter Assistance Rideshare Program and the Harford Transit Link bus system, will team with Harford Community College's College Life Office to celebrate **Car Free Day** on Friday, September 21, 2012.

It's the first time since **Car Free Day**, which has been observed throughout the region since 2008, that the event falls on a Saturday. Ordinarily, when **Car Free Day** falls on a weekday, most of those who pledge to go car-free or "car-lite" are faced with finding alternative ways to get to and from work.

In recognition of **Car Free Day**, all Harford Community College students will ride free on Friday, September 21, when they show their student ID and present a voucher to the bus driver. Vouchers are available at Harford Community College's Student Life Office and during two special events, Wednesday, September 12 (OwlFest), 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 19, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. During those times Harford Commuter Assistance Rideshare will have a table display in the Student Life Building to help educate and inform students about ridesharing options in Harford County.

Although **Car Free Day** is relatively new to Harford County, it is an international event celebrated every September. On this day people are encouraged to get around without their car, using transit, bicycling, walking and all alternative modes of transportation, such as riding in a car or vanpool. Going car free, supporters help to improve air quality, save money, and reduce their carbon footprint. **Car Free Day** events highlight the many problems caused by our dependence on the private automobile, including air pollution, global warming, stress, and safety issues. **Car Free Day** emphasizes the rights of pedestrians and cyclists, and the need for more and better transportation options.

Harford Transit Link buses are now equipped with bicycle racks, so Harford Community College students have the option of taking their bicycles with them on the bus and having them available to get around campus.

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Car Free Day prompts the community to think outside the lanes and to explore other varied and efficient ways to become mobile and to rediscover the local community by choosing an alternative mode of transportation, whether it's public transit, car or vanpooling, cycling or walking.

Harford Transit Link provides public transportation to Harford Community College from Havre de Grace, Aberdeen and the Harford Mall in Bel Air. Harford Transit bus route 2/2A connects with the 1/1A bus at Harford Mall to take students and staff to Harford Community College. Visit [www.harfordtransitlink.org](http://www.harfordtransitlink.org) for schedule information.

For more information on commuter options, visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter).

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